

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Quarterly Meeting
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
Glen Allen, Virginia
February 1, 2018
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Kevin Dillard	Karen Wagner	Amanda Davis	Robert Trimmer
Donna Hurst	Curtis Sheets	Linwood Pulling	David Coulling
Dan Norville			Crissy Snyder
Bruce Stratton			Chris Vernovai

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I. Approval of 11/9/2017 Meeting Minutes	Amanda Davis, Grants Manager, made a motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2017.	Minutes approved
II. RSAF		No further action is required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nasal Naloxone for EMS Agencies - Restocking 	<p>The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) awarded a NO COST grant opportunity on September 29, 2017 to licensed EMS agencies for nasal naloxone to be administered by EMS personnel. OEMS provided 1600 nasal naloxone kits to 47 EMS agencies based on two kits per OEMS permitted vehicle. This grant opportunity has been extended until February 28, 2018 to licensed EMS agencies. OIM will promote some changes to EGIFT on March 1st, at that time OEMS will announce a Restocking grant opportunity as a special initiative. This grant will allow agencies already funded to replenish their used naloxone with a required report from OEMS. Robert Trimmer, Chesterfield County Fire, gave an explanation of the restocking and how the original grant worked for Chesterfield Fire and how they are calculating and planning for restocking. All information is available on the OEMS website at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/administration-finance/rsaf-grantsprogram/.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional EMS Councils Grant Review Draft 	The OEMS grants unit has drafted a grant review guideline for the Regional EMS Councils. Prior to the grant deadline, the Regional EMS Councils will schedule a workshop/grant review with the applicants to allow them the opportunity to ask questions about their pending grant application. Mrs. Davis will provide an overview (perhaps a	Mrs. Davis will provide the grant review document after the grant deadline.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSAF 40th Anniversary 	<p>power point presentation) that may include the following: 1) grant review process; 2) grading process; 3) award process; 4) the E-GIFT process. The grant review guideline will be provided for all grant reviewers to assist them in their review process, the guideline will also be posted on the OEMS website for grant applicants to view what should be included in their grant application. The guidelines will address the following questions: 1) Financial needs - has your agency shown a financial need and is the request cost effective? 2) Sustainability – can you maintain long term sustainability for this project/item if funded? 3) Requested items – a) why do you need this; b) who will benefit from this; c) have you looked at other sources for funding; d) is this an immediate need.</p> <p>OEMS will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of RSAF this year (1978-2018). The funding award stickers will be updated to include the 40th anniversary logo, letterhead will be updated and other endeavors will be developed to celebrate this anniversary. Mrs. Davis is going through the grant awards from the last 40 years and is automating the data to showcase the awards over the years. Mrs. Davis will work with FARC and OEMS to brainstorm ideas on how to showcase the information in graphic format and at symposium this year. One suggestion was to make a “FARC” video featuring as many FARC’ers as possible to show past and present members</p>	<p>A draft of ideas will be submitted to FARC during the May 3, 2018 meeting.</p>
<p>III. Grants Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments Processed November - January 	<p>The grants unit processed 70 payments for a total of \$2,034,000.00. This was due in part to the special initiative grants and the ALS training funds.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV Grant Manager Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Grant Report 	<p>This information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, February 2, 2018. The Fall 2017 RSAF grant deadline was September 15, 2017. OEMS received 111 grant applications requesting \$10,687,579.00 in funding. OEMS awarded 61 agencies funding for \$4,195,318.00. 40% of the RSAF requests were funded. The following agency categories were awarded funding for this grant cycle: 46 EMS agencies requesting \$3,738,363.00 and 15 Non EMS Agencies requesting \$456,955.00. The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council – \$78,291.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council – \$16,192.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council – \$297,938.00; Northern VA EMS Council – \$36,040.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance – \$1,053,422.00; Peninsulas EMS Council – \$502,596.00; Rappahannock EMS Council – \$197,742.00; Southwest Virginia EMS Council – \$493,339.00; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council – \$577,209.00; Tidewater EMS Council – \$455,909.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council – \$486,640.00. Funding amounts were awarded for the following items: Audio Visual/Computers - \$18,123.00 - Includes projectors, computer hardware/software, toughbooks, and other audio visual equipment. Communications - \$292,488.00 - Includes items for mobile/portable radios, pagers, towers, repeaters and other communications system technology. Cot Retention Systems - \$310,827.00 – Includes all cot retention systems, cot conversion systems and equipment needed to install the systems, not including power cots. Emergency Operations</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSAF Grant Award Meeting 	<p>- \$21,459.00 - Includes items such as Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), extrication equipment, rescue boat and personal protection equipment (PPE). The Emergency Operations category also includes any other equipment or items needed in order to rapidly mobilize and dispatch help in emergency situations. Equipment - Basic and Advanced Life Support Equipment - \$956,321.00 - Includes any medical care equipment for sustaining life, airway management, and supplies, not including 12-Lead Defibrillators. Special Projects - \$169,773.00 - Includes projects such as Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) projects, Protocol Projects and other innovative programs. Training - \$8,816.00 - Includes all training courses and training equipment such as manikins, simulators, skill-trainers and any other equipment or courses needed to teach EMS practices. Vehicles – \$2,417,511.00 – This category includes all vehicles such as ambulances, rechassis/remount of ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles (QRV).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: The Vehicles category had a requested amount of \$7,085,189.00 with an award amount of \$2,417,511.00. • Emergency Grants <p>New Garden Rescue Squad was awarded an emergency grant on January 9, 2018 in the amount of \$199,049.98 for one 2017 Summit 154 Type I Ambulance at a 100% funding level. The awarded vehicle will replace a 2006 Ford E-350 2WD Type 3 ambulance with 148,319.9 miles that was taken out of service due to various mechanical failures. Due to the inoperability of this unit, the agency was forced to turn approximately 39 calls over to another agency due to not having a second unit available. This agency was forced to use a neighboring agency's unit temporarily while their only running ambulance was in the shop for preventative and corrective maintenance.</p> <p>The Spring 2018 grant cycle will open today February 1, 2018 with a deadline of March 15, 2018. The June 2018 grants will be awarded July 1, 2018.</p> <p>The RSAF grants award meeting will be held June 7-8, 2018, Thursday will be the RSAF meeting day with program representatives and EMS regional directors and a FARC tour will be combined with the meeting. FARC will meet in Fredericksburg and incorporate a tour of the REMS region with the regular awards meeting schedule. Mrs. Davis is working with Kevin Dillard and REMS on organizing and scheduling the tour.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p> <p>A draft of the meeting and tour will be submitted to FARC in April.</p>

